

**Mid-Charlotte Stormwater Utility Unit  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

Meeting Notes

December 8, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

**Attendees:** Bob Logan, George Kearns, Steve Vieira, Douglas Tucker, Ben Petrone  
Guest: Mike Brown  
County staff: Dawn Harrison, Jodi Struble, Joanne Vernon

**Call to order:**

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Review of Douglas Tucker Position:**

- Chairman Kearns stated that he had recommended at a previous meeting that Mr. Tucker be terminated as an alternate member of the committee due to non-attendance. After discussion with Mr. Tucker, Chairman Kearns asked to rescind his recommendation. Mr. Vieira made a motion to reinstate Mr. Tucker as an alternate member of the committee. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**DeSoto Canal:**

- Joanne Vernon reported that the bid for the DeSoto Canal work goes before the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for that same afternoon.
- The original estimate for the work was \$600,000 based on an estimate by the County's Maintenance & Operations Division. The all-inclusive bid came in significantly below that figure.
- John DeGiovine, Stormwater Project Manager will oversee the project which will be started as soon as possible in order to be completed by March 1, 2012.

**Sunshine Lake:**

- Joanne Vernon reported that a consultant has been selected and is working to finish the scope of services to include lab work for water quality
- Project to begin next week (12/12/11)
- Discussion ensued regarding the pipes, weirs, communications with City of North Port with Ms. Vernon assuring the group that the weir is working as designed but the problem is that there is no cleansing water flow through the lake.
- Ms. Vernon will forward the scope of services and work schedules from the consultant for Sunshine Lake and the DeSoto Canal to the committee members as soon as possible.

- Sunshine Lake is the only canal in the county that does not flow from North Port
- Ms. Vernon expects the consultant's report by March 2012. They will provide a water quality report with options to increase the flow through the lake

### **Financial Reports:**

- Committee agreed that the Year End Actuals look pretty good other than interest income that is about half of projected interest income
- Chairman Kearns asked that everyone review the reports for additional comments at the next meeting

### **Reconfigure Board:**

- Chairman Kearns retired as chairman and asked for nominations.
- Mr. Tucker made a motion to nominate Steve Vieira as chairman; motion was seconded and unanimously approved. The gavel was passed to Chairman Vieira.
- Chairman Vieira thanked Mr. Kearns for his service as chairman and asked for nominations for Vice Chairman
- Mr. Tucker made a motion to nominate Bob Logan as Vice Chairman; motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

- There was discussion about term expirations. Public Works has notified several members that their terms have or will soon expire. Members who wish to be re-appointed must submit their application or resume that will then be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for re-appointment. Vacancies will be advertised at the January 10, 2012 BCC meeting and Mr. Kearns and Mr. Vieira will be re-appointed at the January 24, 2012 meeting. Mr. Logan will submit his application for re-appointment as soon as possible.
- Mr. Logan brought up the issue of signage at the canal crossings. He reported that many of the signs are in disrepair and the County will be liable if there is an accident. Ms. Vernon stated she will have staff inspect the canal signs for repair or replacement as needed.
- Mr. Logan brought up the subject of debris in the canals impeding water flow. He asked if the County has a canal maintenance program. Ms. Vernon responded that there is no such preventive program in place, but the Maintenance & Operations Section responds to reports of blockage.
- Alan Holbach, Maintenance & Operations Manager explained how the maintenance system works, history of canal maintenance and accomplishments since the flooding in 1985.

**Next Meeting:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m. at the Public Works conference room.
- The focus of the next meeting will be the budget and project updates
- Ms. Vernon can have the consultant attend the next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.